

National Operations Update

As of 7:30 a.m., 28 Jan 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 planned demonstration.

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

COVID-19

Current RFA Update

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Potential New RFAs being considered

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IQALUIT WATER SAFETY

- Nunavut MP Lori Idlout (NDP) is calling for \$180M to end the water emergency in Iqaluit, in a letter dated 21 Jan to Infrastructure and Communities Minister Dominic Leblanc. No specifics provided on what the funds would be used for, but Mayor Kenny Bell recently stated that the city needs a new water source and treatment plant.
- Some residents have reported a return fuel smells in water. Although slight levels of hydrocarbons have been detected in the water, these levels are within an acceptable range.
- The City of Iqaluit is going ahead with its contingency plan, has shut down the water treatment plant, and activated the multi-tank bypass. Therefore, residents are advised to boil tap water prior to consumption. No timeline on when the water treatment plant may be back online.
- NU Emergency Management does not anticipate an RFA.

EMERGING ISSUES

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 – PLANNED DEMONSTRATION (28-29 JAN)

- Organizers have expressed the intent for a peaceful event against mandatory vaccine mandates, starting **at noon on Parliament Hill**. Three main convoy routes (East, South, West) and timelines are available on the organization's website. **Traffic delays and road closures due to weather conditions may impede convoy travel.**

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- Organizers have also arranged speakers – including politicians, truckers and indigenous elders – and a stage will be set up in an undisclosed park on Monday. Events are expected to continue every day until the convoy receives an answer from the government.
- The demonstrations are likely to attract individuals predisposed to ideologically motivated violent extremist action.
- “Slow roll” convoys and blockades at provincial and CAN/U.S. border crossings and port of entry (POE) are expected over the next two weekends:
 - AB: Coutts POE (AB/Montana)
 - NB: Blockade at Woodstock NB/Houlton ME POE and traffic disruptions at Edmundston NB/Madawaska ME POE and NB Perth Andover/Fort Fairfield ME POE
 - 500 trucks confirmed in the state of Maine as participating on the US side
 - QC: Slow roll/traffic disruption at Saint-Theophile, Stanstead, and Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle POEs
- Freedom Convoy 2022 has raised over \$6.2M in fundraising support; however, GoFundMe has temporarily frozen the funds. The money raised will help registered truckers pay for fuel, lodging and food.
- The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) remain in communication with the organizers and have identified locations to accommodate up to 3000 vehicles. OPS determines there is no need for people to stay home or for businesses to close. OPP is advising motorists to avoid travel on Hwy 417 and Hwy 416 on Friday afternoon and Saturday.
- OPS will stand up a NCR command centre in order for all agencies, including the RCMP, to be in direct and real-time communication. Planning and coordination continues on a range of risks: counter demonstrations, demonstrations breaking off from the main group to incite disorder, trucks blocking intersections, etc.
- The convoy could pose a threat to the physical security of the Parliamentary Precinct and significant disruptions to parliamentary operations are expected: Parliament Hill, 24 Sussex, Senate of Canada Building and 181 Queen St (CBC Bldg). Impact to PMO/PCO assessed as HIGH.
- The Sergeant-at-Arms cautioned MPs about the potential for doxing – finding and publishing people’s personal information with malicious intent – of MPs homes who live in the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

ASYLUM SEEKERS

- Reports of a renewed stream of migrants seeking refuge in Canada after a 20 month ban, lifted on November 21 2021.
- Increase in migrants are being reported at the Lacolle, QC port of entry.

NATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN

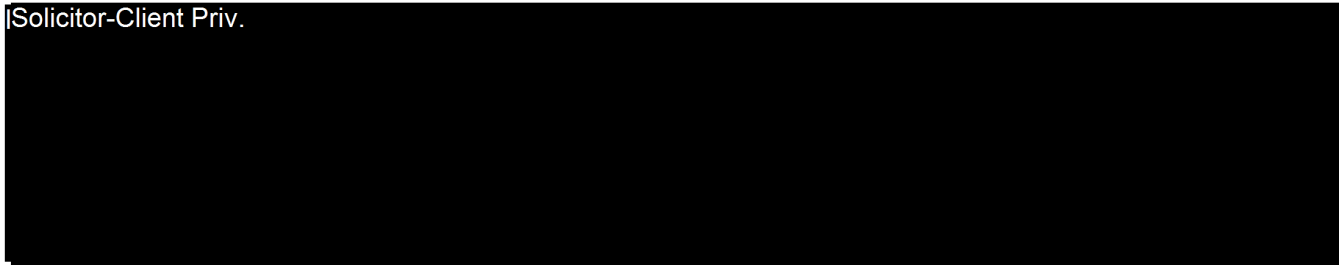
- No critical impacts are being felt at this time.

SPRING FLOODING IN CANADA

- The GOC will issue its Initial Planning Guidance on 17 Jan.
- A national Risk Assessment and Plan are expected to be finalized and shared in early March.
- Public Safety’s Critical Infrastructure (CI) Directorate is conducting a CI Impact Assessment with CI owners/operators, P/T governments and Federal institutions with CI responsibilities.

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UKRAINE

- On 26 Jan, the N4 (Ukraine, Russia, Germany, France) agreed to a joint communique following a meeting in Paris during which they underlined their support for the “unconditional observance of the cease fire and full adherence to the measures to strengthen the cease fire.” The sides also agreed to meet again in two weeks in Berlin.
- On 26 Jan, the Minister of National Defence and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, joined the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to announce \$340 million for immediate support to Ukraine and for the extension and expansion of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces’ military training and capacity-building mission in Ukraine.
- On 25 Jan, Canada ordered family members of diplomatic staff stationed in Ukraine to leave the country. GAC has updated its travel guidance, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel due to ongoing Russian threats and military buildup in and around the country.

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